



## 2013 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

Citizens Union would appreciate your response to the following questions related to policy issues facing the City of New York that are of concern to Citizens Union and residents of the City. We plan to make public your responses to this questionnaire in our Voters Directory, on our website, and in other appropriate venues. Responses to these questions will be one of several factors Citizens Union will use to evaluate candidates who are running for office in order to determine our "Preferred Candidates" for the primary election and "Endorsed Candidates" for the general election.

If you seek our support, we would also need to schedule an interview with you as part of the evaluation process. We will not automatically schedule an interview with you if you return this questionnaire, as we prioritize competitive races and resources constrain us from evaluating all races. Please contact us if you wish to be interviewed. We thank you very much for your response.

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Occupation/Employer (or years in currently held elected office):

- **Former Assistant to the Executive Editor, The Associated Press (2013)**
- **Former finance executive with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and MMC**

Previous Offices, Campaigns and Community/Civic Involvement:

- **President, Morris Avenue Tenants Coalition**
- **(D) Candidate, New York City Council Bronx District 16 (2009)**

Are you willing to be interviewed by CU's Local Candidates Committee? YES  NO   
*(Please note: Citizens Union can only grant its support to candidates we have interviewed. If you would like to be interviewed, please follow up with Citizens Union staff, as resources constrain us from interviewing every candidate.)*

Have you completed requisite campaign finance filings? YES  NO

Signature of Candidate:  Date: **02-JULY-2013**

**I. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS**

Please state your position on the following issues by indicating whether you support or oppose each. You may elaborate in the space provided at the end or on additional paper.

**VOTING AND ELECTIONS REFORM**

<p>1. What is your position with respect to eliminating party primaries and establishing a non-partisan election system in which all candidates and all voters participate in the first round and the top two candidates advance to the second round?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current closed party primary process is exclusionary</li> </ul>
<p>2. What is your position on instituting Instant Runoff Voting for all citywide offices and for all special elections for city offices? (Int. No. 1066)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>3. What is your position on creating a voluntary municipal poll worker program to supplement poll worker recruitment by district leaders? (Int. No. 721)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ District leader model for poll worker recruitment has to evolve and currently lacks transparency</li> </ul>
<p>4. What is your position on requiring city agencies to report the number of applicants that they register to vote as required by current law (Int. No. 760)?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>5. What is your position on transmitting electronically voter registration information collected by city agencies to the Board of Elections in the City of New York?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support with safeguards and stringent privacy protections</li> </ul>
<p>6. What is your position on requiring the Board of Elections to report performance metrics to the City Council that conform to the Mayor’s Management Report? (Int. No. 778)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>7. What is your position on modifying the City Charter to require that laws enacted by referendum only be changed through approval by the voters?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT!</b></p>
<p>8. What is your position on expanding the Voter Guide published by the Campaign Finance Board to cover all races occurring in New York City, such as state and federal contests, and providing the opportunity for voters to receive the guide electronically rather than in print form? (Int. No. 769)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As technology conveyances improve, we should make voter guide information available in all formats</li> </ul>

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

<p>9. What is your position on eliminating matching funds for contributions bundled by lobbying organizations or lobbyists?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>10. What is your position on banning placement agents from bundling contributions for any elected official who influences the selection of pension investors?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>11. What is your position on prohibiting participants in the city's campaign finance program from using public matching funds to purchase strategic campaign consulting services from firms that also provide lobbying services?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Consistent with the spirit of the public finance program, contributions should be free from potential inducement</li> </ul>

**CITY COUNCIL REFORM**

<p>12. What is your position on creating a bill drafting service independent of the Speaker's Office, similar to the New York State Legislature's bill drafting commission?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>13. What is your position on the following proposals enabling Council committees to function more effectively and independently of the speaker :</p>	
<p>a. Should committee chairs have the ability to hire at least one committee staffer?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>b. Should committee hearings and votes be scheduled at the direction of the chairs?</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p>c. Should committees be able to issue subpoenas by a vote of their members?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>d. Should the number of overall committees be reduced so members can participate more meaningfully in fewer issues?</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p>14. What is your position on greater disclosure of councilmembers' outside income?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>15. What is your position on limiting stipends or "lulus" to only members holding majority or minority leadership positions?</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>
<p>16. When the Quadrennial Compensation Commission is reconvened, what is your position on requiring that any future increase in councilmember compensation only apply prospectively to the following term?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>17. What is your position on ensuring a more equitable and needs-based distribution of discretionary funding?</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Considering Bronx District 16 ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in discretionary funding, a more equitable and proven needs-based approach is essential</li> </ul>
<p>18. What is your position on increasing transparency of discretionary funding by requiring the list of capital and expense funds and their sponsors be provided to councilmembers and the public three days in advance of any vote, and expanding the online searchable database of expense funds to include all capital fund recipients and applicants?</p>	<p><b>HIGHLY SUPPORT</b></p>

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT**

<p>19. What is your position on reducing the frequency of stop, question and frisks by conducting stops more judiciously?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ My District is disproportionately affected by this practice and the judicious evolution of this police technique will be among my highest priorities</li> </ul>
<p>20. What is your position on establishing the Commission to Combat Police Corruption (CCPC) as a permanent commission in the City Charter while empowering the CCPC to issue subpoenas?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPPOSE/UNDETERMINED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ We should look to augment existing oversight</li> </ul>
<p>21. What is your position on enhancing the Civilian Complaint Review Board’s (CCRB) authority to initiate an investigation into reported or known incidents of police misconduct without receipt of a formal complaint?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ CCRB in its current model is ineffective</li> </ul>
<p>22. What is your position on granting the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) with the authority to prosecute officers found guilty of lying during CCRB investigations?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Investigatory and prosecutor roles should be separate. Cases referred for prosecution by CCRB should be give deference</li> </ul>
<p>23. What is your position on reinstating the zero tolerance penalty for false official statements by public officers?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>

**BUDGET REFORM**

<p>24. What is your position on establishing independent budgeting for:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. the borough presidents?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Conflicts of Interest Board?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. the public advocate ?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">d. community boards?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>25. What is your position on making the budget process more transparent by clearly defining units of appropriation and limiting their size?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>
<p>26. What is your position on release of revenue projections (other than property taxes) prior to Council hearings on the Executive budget?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p>

**LAND USE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM**

27. What is your position on designating urban planners for use by community boards and requiring borough presidents report to the Council the manner in which they advertise and make community board appointments? (Int. No. 913)	<b>SUPPORT</b>
28. What is your position on establishing a formal standardized and transparent process for community board appointments including written applications, interviews of candidates, and filling vacancies within 30 days?	<b>SUPPORT</b>

**Additional Comments:**

As candidate for the Office of City Councilmember Bronx District 16, I am wholly committed to unselfishly meeting the needs of my constituents. This includes advocacy as a major component and furtherance of the Citizen's Union City policy agenda.

CU will have no greater champion on the issues of:

- ELECTION REFORM
- GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT
- GOVERNMENT OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
- CITY COUNCIL REFORM
- BUDGET REFORM
- COMMUNITY BOARD REFORM
- LAND USE

I have known for many years that continued failure to adopt and/or meaningfully address reform recognitions as outlined by CU and other organizations, continue to place our City in an unsustainable position from which to lead in the future. New York City, by adopting most if not all the reformation objectives of CU stands to be a model for transparency and efficient government.

I realize change won't come overnight and will hasten to add, nor will we bear witness to it by inaction. If we accept that cooperation and determination are essential pillars for the reform framework, then we should further accept that like-minded candidates and legislators can get this done.

Thanks to the Citizens Union of the City of New York for this endorsement consideration.

- **Daryl L. Johnson**

## II. CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Citizens Union is adding a new element to its evaluation of candidates running for office. As a candidate who presently does not hold elected office, CU is interested in knowing your top five campaign promises you are making to the voters during this campaign for this position.

If elected, Citizens Union will use these promises to evaluate your performance while in office, as well as, to evaluate your candidacy in the future.

We thank you very much for your response. Please feel free to use additional paper if the space provided is not sufficient.

### **DARYL L. JOHNSON (D): TOP FIVE TEN 2013 CAMPAIGN PROMISES**

1. Increase the availability and access to affordable housing units
2. Reduce gun violence and violent felony crimes in my District by 18-25% by 2017
3. Climate Change: Implement a proficient District/Community Disaster Continuity Plan
4. Canvass and aggressively target specialized city services and programs to residents with special needs. Along with essential reforms to New York City Housing Authority
5. Aggressively reduce the rates of asthma, diabetes, heart and other chronic but manageable conditions in my District by 10% or more by 2017
6. Modernize: Make more efficient and sustainable the infrastructure and footprint of our District neighborhoods
7. Donate 10% or more of Councilmember annual compensation to local community organization or charities
8. Increase the number of viable and employable District adults (Age 18-40) five-fold – by 2017
9. Dramatically increase the accessibility of city services to seniors and at-risk youth
10. To abandon all introversive legacy practices for this Office and become wholly accessible to my constituents as is necessary to be an effective Member of the New York City Council. To be proactive and accountable, to provide professional, independent and competent representation and the leadership to deliver tangible solutions for this community.